MR. CIVIL DEFENSE TELLS ABOUT

NATURAL DISASTERS!

FOLKS, AH WANT'S YUH T'MEET MR. CIVIL DEFENSE HE HELPED US OR-GAN-IZE A CIVIL DEFENSE UNIT IN MAH HOME TOWN O' DOGPATCH AN' HE CAN HELP YO' DO THE SAME IN YO' TOWN!!
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AH GOTTA GIT BACK T' DOGPATCH FER MAH FIRST-AID LESSON.

WELL, I GUESS I **CAN** TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT ORGANIZING CIVIL DEFENSE HERE, LIKE LI'L ABNER SAID. THAT'S MY JOB.

PEOPLE IN AMERICA HAVE ALWAYS MADE USE OF CIVIL DEFENSE. EVEN BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN THE COVERED WAGONS WERE TRAVELLING WEST, THEY LEARNED THAT THEY COULD SAVE LIVES BY HAVING A PLAN FOR SURVIVAL.

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BUT NOBODY'S GOING TO ATTACK **US**! NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN **HERE**! WE'VE GOT THE SAFEST, NICEST TOWN IN THE WHOLE U.S.A. WHAT DO WE NEED CIVIL DEFENSE FOR?

YES, YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY TOWN, MR. MAYOR.

BUT IT WOULDN'T LOOK SO PRETTY OR SO SAFE IF THERE WAS AN UNEXPECTED HEAVY RAINFALL UPSTREAM AND THAT RIVER SUDDENLY OVER-FLOWED ITS BANKS.

HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE A SITUATION LIKE THIS? PEOPLE ISOLATED AND TRAPPED AND NO WAY TO RESCUE THEM. POWER LINES DOWN. NO LIGHTS FOR YOUR HOSPITAL. VITAL MACHINERY IMMOBILIZED.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE ARE CUT OFF. THERE IS NO WAY TO SEND FOR IMMEDIATE HELP. FEW PEOPLE ARE TRAINED TO RENDER FIRST-AID AND RELIEVE OVERWORKED DOCTORS AND NURSES.

YOUR CRIPPLED FACILITIES COULDN'T POSSIBLY MEET SUCH AN EMERGENCY. TRUE ENOUGH, HELP WOULD COME. CIVIL DISASTER TEAMS WOULD BE RUSHED IN. THE RED CROSS WOULD SPEED ITS IN-VALUABLE SERVICES TO THE SCENE. BUT TIME WOULD BE LOST. TIME—AND LIVES!

BUT IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF WELL TRAINED CIVIL DEFENSE WORKERS, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS. AT THE FIRST WARNING, THE MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS CD TEAMS MESH INTO QUICK ACTION, AND THE PUBLIC GETS WORD IMMEDIATELY THROUGH VARIOUS WAYS, SUCH AS RADIO, MOBILE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS, AND THROUGH THE WARDENS.

PEOPLE ARE EVACUATED FROM FLOODED AND DANGER AREAS. RESCUE TEAMS SPEED TO SAVE MAROONED VICTIMS. EVERY UNIT OF THE LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE GROUP IS FOLLOWING A TESTED AND PRACTICAL PLAN.
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WITH TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH LINES OUT, CD RADIO HAMS CAN BECOME THE NERVE CENTER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION. CASUALTIES ARE HURRIED TO A FIELD HOSPITAL WHERE A MEDICAL STAFF IS ON DUTY. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORK SQUADS BATTLE TO RESTRAIN THE RAMPAGING RIVER.

THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS FED AND CLOTHED BY THE RED CROSS AIDED BY CIVIL DEFENSE WELFARE SERVICES. NON-ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC IS BARRED FROM THE DISASTER REGION. A CONTINUED SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE MAROONED VICTIMS IS CARRIED ON BY CIVIL AIR PATROL AND CD HELICOPTERS.

BY THE TIME OUTSIDE HELP HAS ARRIVED, A GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. YOUR TOWN HAS BEEN KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT OUT. THANKS TO YOUR LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE, YOU'RE IN THERE FIGHTING.

YOU'VE CONVINCED ME. BUT HOW COULD WE EVER GET TOGETHER SUCH AN ORGANIZATION HERE? WE DON'T HAVE THE TRAINED PEOPLE.

DON'T LET THAT STOP YOU. THERE ARE TRAINING COURSES IN EVERY TYPE OF CIVIL DEFENSE WORK. AND THERE'S A CIVIL DEFENSE JOB FOR EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN, WOMAN AND BOY AND GIRL IN THIS TOWN.

YOU CAN BE A CIVIL DEFENSE AUXILIARY POLICE-MAN — AUXILIARY FIREMAN OR A WARDEN.

OR YOU CAN SERVE IN THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AND HEALTH SERVICES, OR ASSIST THE RED CROSS IN WELFARE SERVICES.

OR THERE'S RESCUE WORK

ENGINEERING

COMMUNICATIONS

EVERYBODY IN CIVIL DEFENSE CAN TAKE A RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSE—ADULTS AND BOYS AND GIRLS. THE BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE A BIG PLACE IN CD. THE BOYS CAN BE MESSENGERS, ASSISTANT WARDENS, STRETCHER BEARERS... THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF JOBS FOR THEM TO FILL. AND THE SAME GOES FOR THE GIRLS WHO CAN BE TYPISTS AND NURSES' AIDES.

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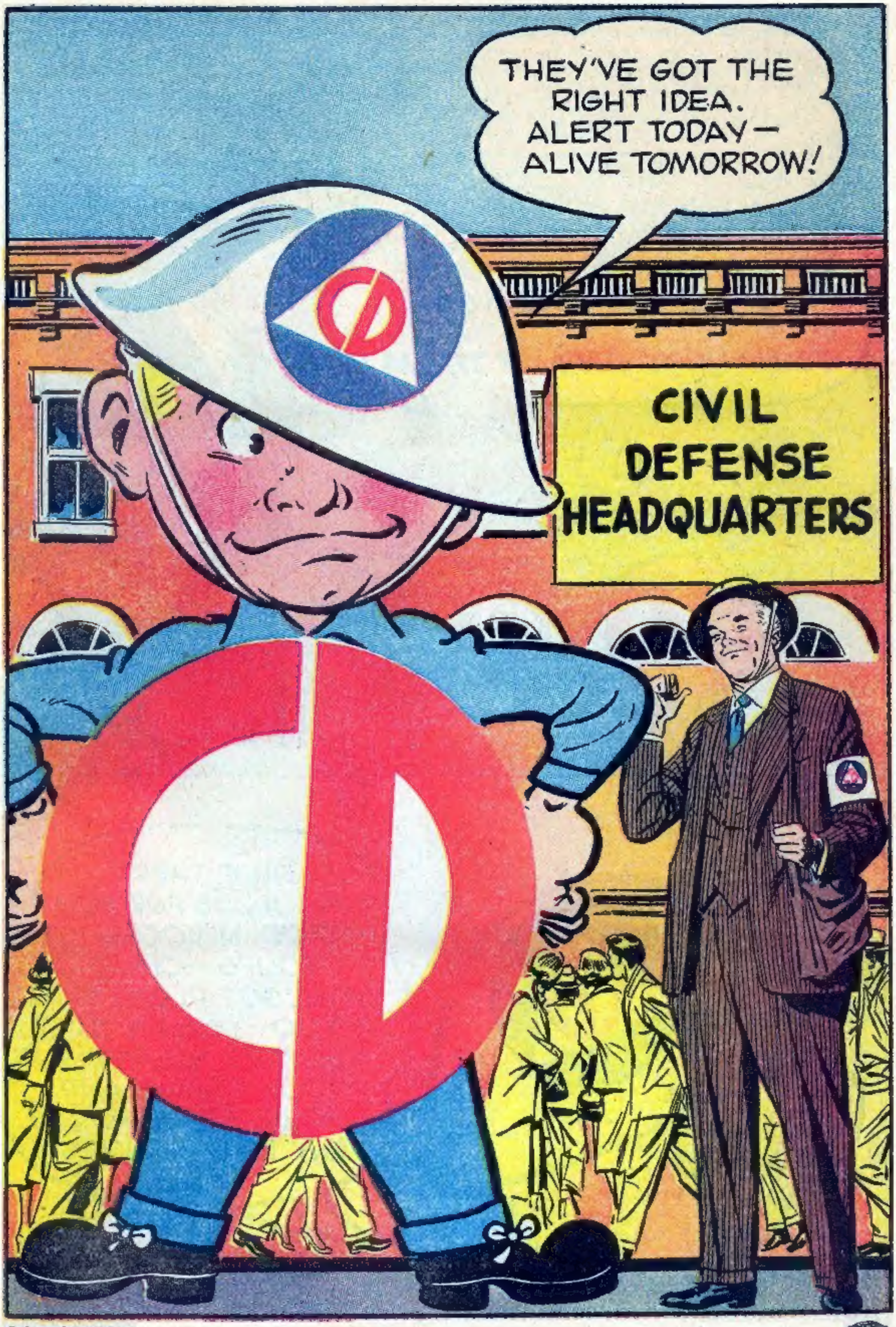
YES, THE JOBS ARE THERE. SO ORGANIZE YOUR LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE BY SAVING YOUR TOWN, YOU CAN SAVE YOUR STATE. AND BY SAVING YOUR STATE, YOU CAN SAVE YOUR COUNTRY.

THANK YOU, MR. CD, YOU SURE OPENED MY EYES. WE'LL SET UP A CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION RIGHT AWAY. WE'LL BE READY IF A FLOOD COMES.

IT MIGHT BE A FLOOD— OR AN ENEMY BOMBING. IT MIGHT BE A TORNADO OR A FOREST FIRE. BUT IF YOU'RE PREPARED FOR **ONE**, YOU'LL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO STAND UP TO **ANY OF THEM!**

AND IF THERE ISN'T A JOB FOR YOU TO DO IN LOCAL GROUPS—YOU'VE STILL GOT PLENTY TO DO—I MEAN TO PREPARE YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR HOME FOR ANY EMERGENCIES!



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